GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT
LOK SABHA

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BENEFITS TO SENIOR CITIZENS
B.K. PARTHASARATHI;GANTA SRINIVASA RAO

Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether all Government Departments are providing certain benefits to senior citizens;

(b) if so, the details thereof as on 28th February 2002, Department-wise;

(c) whether some age limit have been prescribed for senior citizens to avail these benefits; and

(d) if so, the details thereof as on 28th February 2002, benefit-wise?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (DR. SATYANARAYAN JATIYA)

(a) & (b) 391 Old Age Homes, 469 Day Care Centres and 83 Mobile Medicare Unitshave been set up by 609 NGOs with grant-in aid from the Ministry of SocialJustice & Empowerment. 10 KG of food grain is distributed to each destituteelderly every month under `Annapurna Scheme` of the Ministry of RuralDevelopment, separate queue system for the elderly is operational in hospitals, elder citizens are given priority in telephone connection & grievance redressal by the Department of Telecommunications, concession in fare is provided by the Railways and Civil Aviation Ministries, tax concession are provided by the Ministry of Finance, specific insurance schemes have been designed by the Life Insurance Corporation, New India Insurance, etc. Some public sectors banks also allow higher interest on deposits by the elderly.

(c) & (d) Age limit of 60 or 65 has been prescribed under separate schemes.